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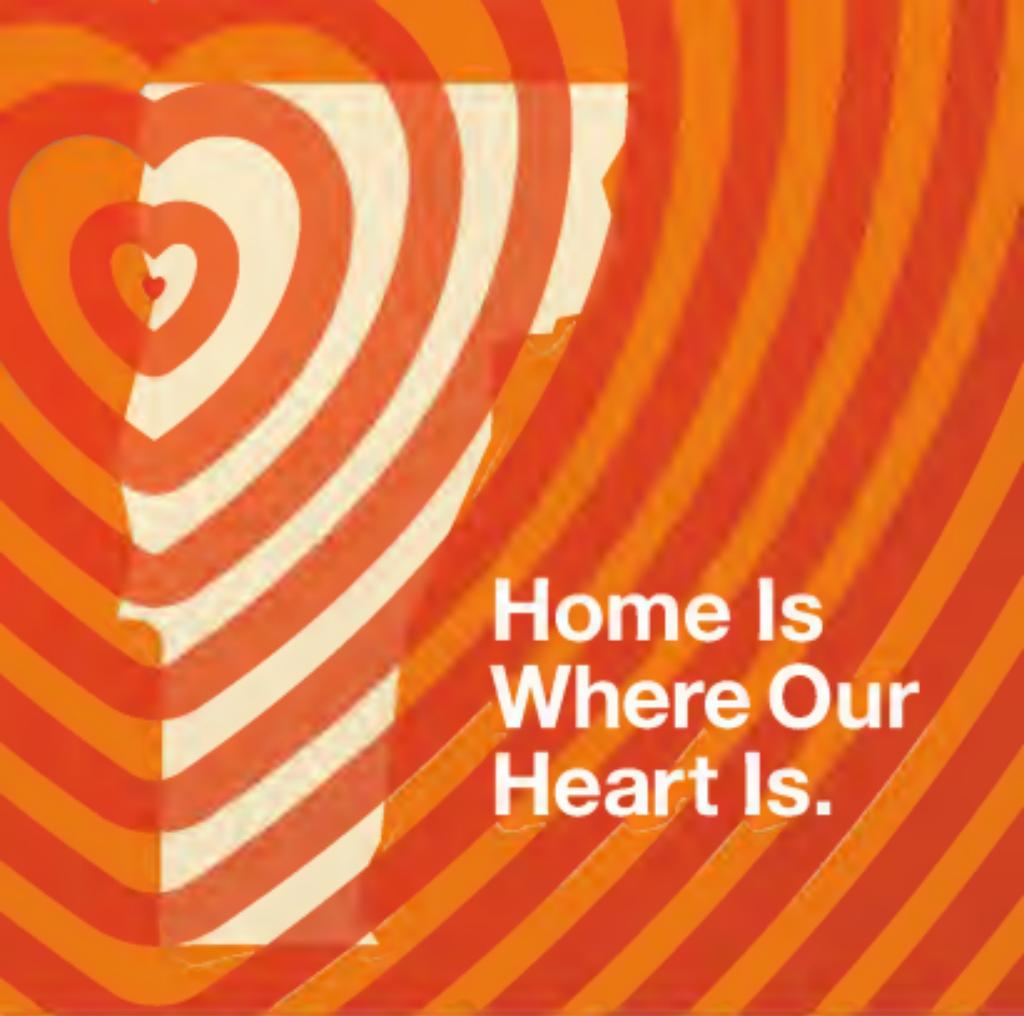
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**W**ho's your Vermont — way to pick your favorite spots to eat, shop and recreate? More than 10,000 voters weighed in on the state's 2014 "best-of" awards with a whopping 650,000-plus individual votes in 107 categories. That's a lot of love all brought to you by seven days, the state's alternative monthly.

In our 12th year of hosting what we call "the daisies," we doubted the pleasure. In the first round, Vermonters nominated their favorites in categories from Thai food to tattoo artist, chemist to car dealer. Second, we tallied up the votes selected up to five finalists in each category and offered these up for voting again. Turns out, we all like multiple choice.

Not only that, but finalists like campaigning! Most of them get into the spirit, encouraging their fans to vote with signs in their store windows, posts on Facebook and (often hilarious) tweets.

A note about the "Outside Chittenden County" section: In Vermont, the largest population is inside Chittenden County, so it's tough for anyone outside to top the Burlington entries (unless the category involves mountains). But in some instances — say, shoe store or pizza — the passionate swell of votes from outside Chittenden County justified separating the category, so that's what that means.

One more thing: Our "bonus" category this year contained 10 questions. We've sprinkled eight of the winners throughout this magazine. What's the best place in Vermont to get naked? Look for it, people.

Congrats to all the Daisies winners, nominees and nobodies and thanks to Seven Days readers — you're the best.

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# FOOD

## Of all the Days' award categories, none has grown more than food.

Few of us with a smartphone can eat a meal anywhere without taking a snapshot, and we're eating more adventurously all the time. That is unquestionably a food culture, and the Green Mountains boast some of the nation's best farms and dining to match.

Seven Days likes to celebrate the food scene's growing diversity. That's why we added a new category this year and eliminated others. West Asian is a perpetual source of confusion for eaters, as now separated by specific country (despite the local ascendence of Vietnamese culture in recent years, we were slow to add it to categories including Chinese, Thai and sushi). It now gets its rightful place, with Vietnamese Pho Hang earning its first Dayie.

The Daysies are a great way to reinforce locals' favorites, but this year we also aimed to guide and enlighten visitors to our fair state. To that end, we chose some basic, popular dishes and asked our readers to name a favorite version.

Since breakfast is the most important meal of the day, we added prizes for the best eggs Benedict in and outside Chittenden County and the best breakfast sandwich (for those who prefer a sweet start, we inaugurated a new doughnut category — and Cold Hollow Cider Mill got the prize).

Other individual food items getting their first shot at Daysies stardom include steak, frites, wings, sandwiches, frozen yogurt, and bread. Think of this guide as a gustatory shopping list, filled with must-try tips.



## BEST NEW RESTAURANT (OPENED IN THE LAST YEAR)

### Hen of the Wood

The beloved Waterbury restaurant displaced a now defunct iteration of that name near Vermont's border with New Hampshire. Hen of the Wood is open for dinner and cocktails until 11 p.m. 155 Cherry St., Burlington 802/863-6697; henofthewood.com

#### Other finalists:

— **Passion Portuguese**, 101 Church St., Burlington 406/863-5900; passionportuguese.com

— **Plumosa Cafe & Bakery**, 1448 St., Burlington 560/460-3500; plumosabakery.com

— **Burlington Kitchen**, 3 Center St., Burlington 656/338-1100; burlingtonkitchen.com

— **The Vermont Taproom**, 10 Marshall Ave., Waterbury 879-7650; vermonttaproom.com

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Plate

Big salads fill the menu at this restaurant specializing in light, fresh California cuisine. Just make sure to leave room for a Mission-style banana pudding. 39 Main St., Morris 800/823-0991; platecafe.com

#### Other finalists:

— **Phoenix Table and Bar**, 1610 Main St., Suite 250-260, phoenixtableandbar.com

— **The Lusty**, 7 Lark St., Morrisville 860/744-5444; thelustycafeandtv.com

## BEST RESTAURANT IF YOU'RE PAYING

### Tiny Thai

You can get dinner for two — and leave with leftovers — for less than \$40 at this family-run Thai restaurant. Aviella 870/808-5816; tinythaibistro.com. It's located in a building that's part business, part DJ booth. 100 Main St., Winooski 802-459-1999; tinythaibistro.com

#### Other finalists:

— **American Flatbread**, 205 Main St., Burlington 802/228-2328; americanflatbread.com

— **Manresa**, 225 N. Pearl St., Burlington 860-525-1100; manresa.com

— **Premier Veranda**, 150 St. Paul St., Burlington 800/333-5123; premierveranda.com

— **The Farmhouse Tap & Dine**, 15 Main St., Burlington 802/869-3333; thefarmhousetap.com

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### The Mad Taco

This keto/low-carb/taco spot in Middlebury makes meals with fresh, farm-fresh ingredients — think protein tacos with kimchi and cilantro. 111 Main St., Middlebury 802/388-1254; themadtaco.com

#### Other finalists:

— **Blue Onion Bistro**, 101 Main St., South Hero 372/474-3500; blueonionbistro.com

— **Pelicans Pizzeria and Lounge**, 1118 Mountain Rd., Stowe 802/241-5200; pelicanspizzeria.com

— **El Farolito**, 100 Main St., Middlebury 802/388-3329; elfarolito.com

— **The Rustic Restaurant & Tap Room**, 15 Main St., Waterbury 802/251-2017; therusticwaterbury.com

## BEST NEW RESTAURANT inside Chittenden County

### HEN OF THE WOOD

It's hard to believe that the Burlington outpost of Hen of the Wood qualifies as a new restaurant. Since opening last October, it has quickly become an essential part of the downtown scene.

Not surprisingly both restaurants — owned by chef/line manager William McNeil — won all several Daysies-categories this year (including winner of best chef) and while the original Waterbury Hen is off and about, its postbistro waterside location (Burlington) Hen is at the center of activity.

Adjacent to Hotel Vermont, the now Hen of the Wood attracts its share of destination diners, as well as locals who hang out at the bar for a spicy Anchō & Aperol cocktail, a plate of oysters or pieces of thinly sliced sausages.

Worth noting and most notable nevertheless is the wood fire that cooks lamb ribs, rabbit legs and everything in between — as long as it's local. Practically the only dishes not listed by line here are the desserts. Try to save room for a maple-infused open cake or an intense chocolate sorbet.

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## BEST RESTAURANT IF THEY'RE FIXING

### Hen of the Wood

Good meat, good money. And more products don't come cheap. But a delicious dinner at Burlington's latest restaurant is worth the extra, especially when chairman Eric is posting up chicken. 112 Cherry St., Burlington 340-0344; [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**Single Pleasure** 130 Church St., Burlington 802-862-2200; [singlepleasure.com](http://singlepleasure.com)

**Bulldog Tavern** 1037 Winooski Rd., South Burlington 449-1821; [bulldogtavern.com](http://bulldogtavern.com)

**La Cucina** 110 Church St., Burlington 802-860-2200; [lacucinabvt.com](http://lacucinabvt.com)

**Test Kitchen** 132 St. Paul St., Burlington 802-863-2100; [testkitchenbvt.com](http://testkitchenbvt.com)

## BEST CHITTENDEN COUNTY?

### Michael's on the Hill

This restaurant, home to one fine dining restaurant, has some nice spots. But the chef-owner, Michael Koenig, leaves the kitchen. The menu changes frequently but, homemade gnocchi and chocolate-fondue iron pancakes (\$12.95), 100 Anniversary Border 244-1416; [michaelsontheshill.com](http://michaelsontheshill.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**Blue Bubble Bistro** 102 Route 2, South Hero 212-8711; [bluebubblebistro.com](http://bluebubblebistro.com)

**Red Onion** 301 State St., Montpelier 802-845-8800; [redonionbistro.com](http://redonionbistro.com)

## BEST BREAKFAST / BRUNCH

### Penny Clause Café

The long line is a testament to the constant popularity of this breakfast and lunch spot. Try the Tykes sandwich — two eggs any style, bacon, beans, muffins and bacon weave. 248 Cherry St., Burlington 802-863-8456; [pennyclause.com](http://pennyclause.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**Lounging Eggs & Co.** 78 Church St., Burlington 802-860-2000; [loungingeatsandco.com](http://loungingeatsandco.com)

**Penny Diner** 1 Church St., Suite 10, Burlington 802-860-2000; [pennydiner.com](http://pennydiner.com)

**Misterioso** 101 Hwy. 7, Burlington 802-864-4200; [misteriosobvt.com](http://misteriosobvt.com)

**Snowball Bistro** 28 Main St., Winooski 802-865-9800; [snowballbistro.com](http://snowballbistro.com)

## BEST OUTDOOR DINING

### Kismet

This eatery is more a convenience in Kismet, where exquisitely sourced local meat and veggies are wrapped in tortillas and made at a stand in Burlington and Montpelier. Luciferus salad, August Tomato and Imperial Potato Salad (each \$12.95), 102 Church St., Burlington 802-863-2000; [kismetbvt.com](http://kismetbvt.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**McCarthy's Restaurant** 454 Main St., Stowe 802-253-4520; [mccarthysbvt.com](http://mccarthysbvt.com)

**The Tap** 301 Main St., Stowe 802-253-9913



## BEST LUNCH

### Misery Loves Company

The open kitchen at this eatery seriously impresses. Food from Charcoal-grilled pork chops to the house-made ravioli is served in 10-12 minutes. The menu changes daily. 100 Main St., Burlington 802-860-2000; [miserylovescompany.com](http://miserylovescompany.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**Lounging Eggs & Co.** 78 Church St., Burlington 802-860-2000; [loungingeatsandco.com](http://loungingeatsandco.com)

**Penny Diner** 1 Church St., Burlington 802-860-2000; [pennydiner.com](http://pennydiner.com)

**Sabby & Biff's Soups** 201 College St., Burlington 802-860-3200; [sabbyandbiffs.com](http://sabbyandbiffs.com)

## BEST CHITTENDEN COUNTY?

### Prohibition Pig

This barbecue restaurant, newly minted, has lunch, happy hour, Thursday night, but it's making a big impact in Winooski. A soup and sandwich menu was never so indulgent. 125 S. Main St., Winooski 248-4000; [prohibitionpig.com](http://prohibitionpig.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**3 Squares & Coffee** 101 Main St., Winooski 802-229-2000; [3squaresandcoffee.com](http://3squaresandcoffee.com)

**The Hot Box** 2 Village Sq., Winooski 802-229-2000; [thehotboxbvt.com](http://thehotboxbvt.com)

**Provisions-Pizzeria & Lounge** 102 Main St., Winooski 253-4417; [provisionsbvt.com](http://provisionsbvt.com)

**Wheeler's Kitchen** 34 State St., Montpelier 802-223-3000; [wheelerbvt.com](http://wheelerbvt.com)

## BEST PLACE TO GET LATE-NIGHT FOOD

### Kountry Kart Deli

In the mood for a friendly conversation or something? This Farmhouse City deli serves its full menu from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. of year. 100 Main St., South Burlington 802-862-8000; [kountrykartdeli.com](http://kountrykartdeli.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**All About Kebab** 339 Main St., Burlington 802-860-1700

**El Gordo Mexican & Caribbean** 100 Main St., Burlington 802-860-1000; [elgordobvt.com](http://elgordobvt.com)

**Mr. Mizu** 209 Main St., Burlington 802-862-9000

**Hezzer's** 100 Main St., Burlington 802-446-1000; [hezzerbvt.com](http://hezzerbvt.com)

## BEST OUTDOOR DINING

### The Skinny Pancake

American-style breakfast and veggies are wrapped in tortillas and made at a stand in Burlington and Montpelier. Luciferus salad, August Tomato and Imperial Potato Salad (each \$12.95), 102 Church St., Burlington 802-863-2000; [theskinnypancake.com](http://theskinnypancake.com)

#### Other Restaurants

**Brasserie à Ciel** 1 King St., Burlington 802-863-1000; [brasserieaciel.com](http://brasserieaciel.com)

**Lounging Eggs & Co.** 78 Church St., Burlington 802-860-2000; [loungingeatsandco.com](http://loungingeatsandco.com)

**Spoleto** 101-103 College St., Burlington 802-863-0204; [spoletobvt.com](http://spoletobvt.com)

**Spoleto** 100 Church St., Burlington 802-863-0000; [spoletoitalian.com](http://spoletoitalian.com)

## BEST NEW RESTAURANT outside chittenden county

### PLATE

The name, Plate, is short and sweet, but it does tell the whole story of this patio spot that opened in Stowe last March. A better moniker might be Carb.

At Plate, owners James Persy and Mark Hansen and chef Avian Martin pay attention to every aspect of the dining experience: setting in a dark wood booth under a gauze of light bulbs; artfully naked diners get their fixins off the list of the kitchen; each basket with a complimentary bread basket. The home-fried trout is served with cinnamon butter.

Persy's savory fare leans toward the light, California-style meal that its owners eat at home, but that doesn't stop them from serving up more indulgent dishes, including a pork belly and eggs sandwich. Owners who hold back and order a salad have all the more room for Persy's indulgent banana pudding; a breakfast star.

11 Main St., Stowe 802-223-2300; [platestowe.com](http://platestowe.com)



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## BEST CHEF

### Eric Warnstedt, Hen of the Wood

The son of restaurateurs from Joliet, Illinois, Eric Warnstedt's career has flourished in the Northeast, with his popular with fans both here and abroad. His 2010 book, *The Hen of the Wood* (Clarkson Potter, \$35), is a guide to the mushrooms that have become a culinary staple. His new book, *Eric Warnstedt's Hen of the Woods* (Clarkson Potter, \$35), is due in October.

#### Other Books:

- *Eric's Kitchen and Table: A Year of My Life* (Clarkson Potter, \$40); [ericwarnstedt.com](http://ericwarnstedt.com)
- *Hen of the Woods: A Love Story* (Clarkson Potter, \$16); [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com)
- *Phoenician Bright of Blue: Puddles Bright* (Clarkson Potter, \$16); [brightofblue.com](http://brightofblue.com)
- *Phil Clapp's Book of Wild Foods* (2013, Milkweed Editions); [milkweedbooks.com](http://milkweedbooks.com)

## BEST RESTAURANT SERVICE

### Hen of the Wood

The restaurant's focus is carefully selected wines complemented by balance, flavor, and the right amount of wine education. The servers here never fail to make the restaurant's 2014 Chefs' Table (2013-2014) and 2015-2016 "Best Restaurants in America" lists. [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com); 100 W. Main St., Waterbury, 802-246-9200; [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com)

#### Other Books:

- *Eric's Kitchen and Table* (Clarkson Potter, \$40); [ericwarnstedt.com](http://ericwarnstedt.com)
- *Levengate Bistro & Cafe* (10 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-3356; [levengatebistro.com](http://levengatebistro.com))
- *Phoenician Bright of Blue: Puddles Bright* (Clarkson Potter, \$16); [brightofblue.com](http://brightofblue.com)
- *Phil Clapp's Book of Wild Foods* (2013, Milkweed Editions); [milkweedbooks.com](http://milkweedbooks.com)

## BEST PLACE TO GRAB A QUICK MEAL

### City Market

A wide range of options makes this market the perfect go-to for a quick meal. From healthy salads to hearty bowls, the menu offers every eating style and preference: sushi, baked goods, sandwiches, and salads. Or grab one of your own bags of chips or the hot, just-baked items. (301 S. W. Franklin St., Burlington, 802-860-0009; [citymarketvt.com](http://citymarketvt.com))

#### Other Books:

- *Bacon* (20 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-0009; [baconvt.com](http://baconvt.com))
- *Bacon Tacos* (212 College St., Burlington, 802-860-0000; [bacontacos.com](http://bacontacos.com))
- *Hen of the Woods* (201 W. Main St., Waterbury, 802-246-9200; [henofthewood.com](http://henofthewood.com))
- *Tasting & Drift Beverage Bar* (27 College St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [tastinganddrift.com](http://tastinganddrift.com))

## BEST PLACE TO EAT ALONE

### City Market

Although the place walls suggest "Bob Iger" anything goes in the Burlington City Market. Customers focus on an experience, something that's hard to come by in most of the cases. In summer there are outdoor tables (201 W. Main St., Burlington, 802-860-0009; [citymarketvt.com](http://citymarketvt.com))

#### Other Books:

- *Bacon* (20 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-0009; [baconvt.com](http://baconvt.com))
- *Levengate Bistro & Cafe* (10 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-3356; [levengatebistro.com](http://levengatebistro.com))
- *Mac's Macaroni Cafe* (200 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [macsmacaroni.com](http://macsmacaroni.com))
- *Bob's Deli & Diner* (227 College St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [bobsdinervt.com](http://bobsdinervt.com))

## BEST THAI

### Tiny Thai

The tiny space — including papaya salad, tom yum, and green chicken curry — is tiny — take the place's raw-fish fresh. That food costs and family tables. Ask for the authentic. (214 Main St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [tinythai.com](http://tinythai.com))

#### Other Books:

- *Pho King* (305 N. Franklin St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [phokingvt.com](http://phokingvt.com))
- *Royal Orchid* (50 Elm St., Montpelier, 802-255-2222; [royalorchidvt.com](http://royalorchidvt.com))
- *Thai Phat* (21 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [thaiphatvt.com](http://thaiphatvt.com))
- *Thai House* (303 Church St., Burlington, Commons Shopping Center, St. Albans, 802-238-0099; [thaihousevt.com](http://thaihousevt.com))

## BEST CHINESE

### A Single Pebble

There's no right or wrong way to eat authentic Asian food, so this restaurant (Steve Rogers developed the idea) doesn't mind cooking to Chinese when he's learned to make the measure. The tasting menu — for \$16 — is the best lunch deal in town. (233 W. Main St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [aspvt.com](http://aspvt.com))

#### Other Books:

- *Amano Bistro* (20 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-0001; [amanobistrovt.com](http://amanobistrovt.com))
- *China Express* (955 Shelburne Rd., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [chinarestaurantsvt.com](http://chinarestaurantsvt.com))
- *Priming Duck House* (708 College St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [primingduckhousevt.com](http://primingduckhousevt.com))
- *Silver Palace* (32 W. Main St., St. Albans, 802-238-0252; [silverpalacevt.com](http://silverpalacevt.com))

## BEST MEXICAN

### El Cortijo Taqueria y Cantina

This taqueria is from the same team behind the Burlington Tap & Grill series, so it's big and bold. Salads, burritos, and entrees come with added jalapeño heat. Order online. (189 Main St., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [elcortijo.com](http://elcortijo.com))



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## BEST CIDER DONUTS

### COLD HOLLOW CIDER MILL

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Sure, Vermonters can grab a jug of the mill's well-balanced cider at nearly any local supermarket. But they have to go to the source (or resort to mail order) for another apple-scented sweet doughnut.

The light, spiced treats may taste handcrafted, but they're actually made by a robot. Luckily, the machine works fast. The store sells about 1,000 of the pastries daily during foliage season. And the product doesn't suffer from being produced en masse. The now-defunct Gourmet magazine placed Cold Hollow's doughnut among the nation's four best. Clearly, Vermonters agree.

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## Other Books:

- *Mac's Macaroni Cafe* (200 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-3356; [macsmacaroni.com](http://macsmacaroni.com))

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**BEST ITALIAN**

**Trattoria Delta**

A restaurant, Trattoria Delta, serving old-world cooking and old-world dining, this Italian restaurant, the question is not what's on the menu (827 St. Paul St., Burlington, 802-860-3352; [trattoriadelta.com](http://trattoriadelta.com))

**BEST Vietnamese**

**Pho Hong**

The pho that's at this family-owned eatery (and feel like you're) by the Happy Pholetier C — offers stuffed shrimp, pork, and chicken (303 W. North Ave., Burlington, 802-860-3359; [phohongvt.com](http://phohongvt.com))

**Other Books:**

- *La Bambina Italian Eatery* (212 N. Franklin Ave., Burlington, 802-860-3356; [lambambina.com](http://lambambina.com))

**BEST Asian**

**Asian Fusion**

Asian Fusion (101 Park St., Burlington, 802-860-3353; [asianfusionvt.com](http://asianfusionvt.com))

**BEST Vietnamese**

**Pho Phuc**

Pho Phuc (138 College St., Burlington, 802-860-3353; [phophucvt.com](http://phophucvt.com))

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Last year, new owners Colin Black and Adam Jones expanded the menu, adding sweets and other products to the popular baked goods line. Squarely himself, he's added a gluten-free bagel option, but whether customers go traditional or wheat-free, they always come back for Montreal spice. *Reviewed low.*

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# FOOD

## REST VEGETARIAN FARE

### A Single Pebble

This incisive Chinese restaurant遇难 is more modest than every day except Sunday, when they serve dim sum. *Reviewed very high.* [203 Pine St., Burlington 855-5200; [a-single-pebble.com](http://a-single-pebble.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **Korean** 32 State St., Montpelier 330-1940; [koreanmontpelier.com](http://koreanmontpelier.com)

• **Ping's Caffe** 219 Church St., Burlington 545-8700; [pingsc.com](http://pingsc.com)

• **Rustic Kitchen** 8 Church St., Burlington 863-2222; [rustickitchenvt.com](http://rustickitchenvt.com)

• **Tokyo** 811 Main St., St. Albans 371-0000; [tokyovt.com](http://tokyovt.com)

## BEST COMFORT FOOD

### Farmhouse Tap & Grill

This award-winning pub grub restaurant serves up hearty soups, stews, and casseroles. *Reviewed high.* [100 Main St., Burlington 855-0888; [farmhousetapandgrill.com](http://farmhousetapandgrill.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **Black Bear Bistro** 311 Riverfront Ave., Montpelier 800-320-0000; [blackbearbistro.com](http://blackbearbistro.com)

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• **Pubhouse** 215 Main St., Williston 264-4572; [pubhousevt.com](http://pubhousevt.com)

## BEST EGGS BENEDICT

### Sneakers Bistro

Locals have frequented this more casual former Bistro 30 for years. The weekend brunch with its ever popular bacon is legendary, as is the daily special, *Reviewed medium.* [24 Main St., Williston, VT 05495; 802-667-1000; [sneakersbistrovt.com](http://sneakersbistrovt.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **Livingston's Bistro & Cafe** 70 Church St., Burlington 863-3290; [livingstonsbistro.com](http://livingstonsbistro.com)

• **Magnolia Bistro** 11 Church St., South Burlington 860-2222; [magnolia-bistro.com](http://magnolia-bistro.com)

• **Shady Dell** 25 Main St., Burlington 862-3820; [shadydellvt.com](http://shadydellvt.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### The Bagel

Thick-sliced bagels are made from scratch daily in this cafe, which sports a great bacon hollandaise omlette and made-to-order sandwiches. [904 Mountain Rd., Stowe 253-9943; [thebagelstowe.com](http://thebagelstowe.com)]

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• **Kids' Bagel Cafe** 71 Main St., Stowe 253-7440; [kidsbagelcafe.com](http://kidsbagelcafe.com)

• **Middlebury Bagel & Deli** 100 Main St., Middlebury 802-330-7200; [middleburybagel.com](http://middleburybagel.com)

• **Other Bagels** 100 Main St., Middlebury 802-330-7200; [otherbagels.com](http://otherbagels.com)

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## BEST CIDER COUGH-NUTS

### Cold Hollow Cider Mill

This cider mill is a must for locals and tourists alike. Enjoy the complex of cider, juice, and other specialty foods. The bakery features apple pie turnovers and a sales-winning cider donut. [380-390 Middlebury Center Rd., Middlebury Center 05040; [coldhollowcidermill.com](http://coldhollowcidermill.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **Korean** 50 Church St., Montpelier 802-864-6100; [koreanmontpelier.com](http://koreanmontpelier.com)

• **La Gondola** 1953 Piersons Rd., Stowe 373-7720; [lagondola.com](http://lagondola.com)

## BEST BREAKFAST SANDWICH

### Kountry Kafe

Whether you choose a more elaborate sandwich or one of the 13 variations of their croissant sandwich, these guys know it in Burlington. *Reviewed very high.* [158 Main St., Burlington 864-4808; [kountrykafekafe.com](http://kountrykafekafe.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **City Market** 312 Main St., Killington 802-365-1100; [citymarketvt.com](http://citymarketvt.com)

• **Gold Fine Meats** 115 St. Paul St., Burlington 802-863-1100; [goldfinemeats.com](http://goldfinemeats.com)

• **Heavy Street Deli** 2 Henry St., Burlington 860-864-1100; [heavystreetdeli.com](http://heavystreetdeli.com)

• **The Kegel Place** 330 Main St., Burlington 802-860-2500; [thekegelpalace.com](http://thekegelpalace.com)

• **The Drury Inn & Suites** 31 S. Main St., Burlington 802-860-1100; [the-drury-inn.com](http://the-drury-inn.com)

## BEST BAGEL

### Myer's Bagel Bakery

A solid, Fleischman's-baked-style bagel is the go-to item here. You can also get a daily house-made bread or latkes. [327 Pine St., Burlington 863-5200; [myersbagelbakery.com](http://myersbagelbakery.com)]

#### Other Restaurants

• **Breakfast Bistro** 89 Church St., Burlington 863-250-5100; [breakfastbistrovt.com](http://breakfastbistrovt.com)

• **Burlington Bagel** 100 Main St., Burlington 864-2326; [burlingtonbagel.com](http://burlingtonbagel.com)

• **Eastmont Bagels** 848 Pine St., Burlington 802-863-1100; [eastmontbagels.com](http://eastmontbagels.com)

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#### Other Restaurants

• **Champagne Deli** 2000 Route 14 W., Stowe 802-259-2000; [champagnedeli.com](http://champagnedeli.com)

• **La Gondola** 1953 Piersons Rd., Stowe 373-7720; [lagondola.com](http://lagondola.com)

• **Madison Bagel** 715 South St., South Burlington 802-440-5100; [madisonbagel.com](http://madisonbagel.com)

• **Sam's Famous Farm Market** 213 Lincoln Rd., Middlebury 802-330-0000; [samsfarmmarket.com](http://samsfarmmarket.com)

• **Shady Dell** 25 Main St., Middlebury 802-330-7200; [shadydellvt.com](http://shadydellvt.com)



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## BEST WINGS

# WINGS OVER BURLINGTON

When a food business names itself after a particular item on the menu, it had better be exceptional! In the case of Wings over Burlington—the 30+ location chain—wings are good enough to knock out the competition—even in local-loving Vermont.

The South Burlington location's attractive hours—open until 1 a.m. during the week and 2 a.m. on weekends—no doubt helped put its wings over the top. The late-night delivery is perfect for a boozey night. And college kids (or grown folk) partying all down with a crowd can pack up as many as 100 bone-in wings or more than 100 pounds of boneless ones.

With 25 different sauces available, it might not be a bad idea to try the big book. Mustard-infused golden barbecue sauce is a fave to a salty dry rub of garlic-Parmesan, which in turn makes a good contrast to spicy wings. Look it up! Just try the fiery Afterburner Buffalo sauce.

16 Broad St., South Burlington • 802.860.1000 • [wingsoverburlington.com](http://wingsoverburlington.com)

# FOOD

## BEST PIZZA [RESTAURANT]

### American Flatbread — Burlington Hearth

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#### Other扁饼店:

- Pizzeria & Pizzaria** 8320 New Haven Rd., Burlington, 802.860.7102 • [pizzaria.com](http://pizzaria.com)
- Johnny's Italian** 115 Main St., Burlington, 802.860.4545 • 91 S. Park St., Champlain, 802.937.2222
- Pizza Parlor** 550 St. Paul St., Burlington, 802.863.5220 • [pizzaparlor.com](http://pizzaparlor.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Positive Pie

All three Positive Pie locations serve the same menu, but the atmosphere is a bit more casual and the service is friendlier. The Positive Pie is located in the former Lantana Vinyard, 107 St. Paul St., Montpelier, 802.442.5555; 655 Main St. in St. Albans, 802.463.2000; and 200 Main St., Woodstock, 802.458.2000.

#### Other披萨店:

- The Blue Goose** 15 River St., Winooski, 802.863.0200 • [bluegoose.com](http://bluegoose.com)
- Panisse-Pizzaria & Lounge** 1010 Mountain Rd., St. Albans, 802.449.4700 • [panisse.com](http://panisse.com)

## BEST PIZZA [DELIVERY]

### Leonardo's Pizza

This pizza delivery service isn't just about margherita pizzas—the Roasted Garlic Potato and Goat Cheese-Honey pairs are also a lauded match. Whole-wheat options are available. 110 St. Paul St., Burlington, 802.860.7444 • [leonardospizza.com](http://leonardospizza.com)

#### Other披萨店:

- Jimmy's Italian** 130 Main St., Burlington, 802.863.4885 • [pizzajimmys.com](http://pizzajimmys.com)
- Panisse Pizza [Delivery Only] 802.860.7444**
- 201 Pizzeria** 201 Main St., Burlington, 802.863.0701
- Panisse's Pizza Company** 107 St. Paul St., Burlington, 802.863.5220 • [panisse.com](http://panisse.com)
- Sherry's Pizzeria** 179 Main St., Burlington, 802.863.5220 • [sherryspizzeria.com](http://sherryspizzeria.com)
- Two Dogs Pizzeria & Pizzaria** 310 Main St., South Burlington, 802.255.7575 • [twodogs.com](http://twodogs.com)
- Whiteboard Pizzeria** 123 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.9507 • [whiteboardpizzeria.com](http://whiteboardpizzeria.com)
- Woodstock Pizzeria** 107 Main St., Woodstock, 802.457.4100 • [woodstockpizzeria.com](http://woodstockpizzeria.com)

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#### Other披萨店:

- Jimmy's Pizza** 20 Hobart St., Winooski, 802.863.0200 • [jimmyspizza.com](http://jimmyspizza.com)
- Panisse-Pizzaria & Lounge** 1010 Mountain Rd., St. Albans, 802.449.4700 • [panisse.com](http://panisse.com)

## BEST BURGER

### The Farmhouse Tap & Grill

This wood-fired grill specializes in the classic American burger, with a few twists. Fresh ingredients such as house-dry aged beef, local seasonal cheeses and juicy local pork. 1020 Lake St., Burlington, 802.860.4999 • [farmhousetap.com](http://farmhousetap.com)

#### Other汉堡店:

- Bluebird Tavern** 84 St. Paul St., Burlington, 802.863.5220 • [bluebirdtavern.com](http://bluebirdtavern.com)
- Five Dogs Burgers & Fries** 310 Main St., South Burlington, 802.255.7575 • [fivedogs.com](http://fivedogs.com)
- Hi-Fi Irish Pub** 123 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.9507 • [hifiirishpub.com](http://hifiirishpub.com)
- The Proving Ring** 107 Main St., Burlington, 802.449.4700 • [provingring.com](http://provingring.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Prohibition Pig

It's not just the burger being served in the lines here. The Pig has seven regular plates, including the house-made bacon, pulled pork, and the Old School Supper. 102 St. Paul St., Winooski, 802.863.5250 • [prohibitionpig.com](http://prohibitionpig.com)

#### Other汉堡店:

- The Burger Barn** 1060 E. Lake St., Cambridge, 707.231.3141
- The Pig Pen Burgers** 102 Main St., Montpelier, 802.255.7777 • [pigpenburgers.com](http://pigpenburgers.com)
- Wacky Burger** 801 Southgate St., South Burlington, 802.222.1000 • [wackyburger.com](http://wackyburger.com)

## BEST STEAK

### Guild Tavern

Check out this first-rate New England-style eatery with steaks and other local fare. 3001 Ferry St., South Burlington, 802.860.7447 • [gultavern.com](http://gultavern.com)

#### Other牛排店:

- El Maguey's Prime Steakhouse** 18 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.5114 • [elmagueys.com](http://elmagueys.com)
- Men of the Woods** 53 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.0007 • [menofthewoods.com](http://menofthewoods.com)
- Loving Hut** 8 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.5555 • [lovinghut.com](http://lovinghut.com)
- Montpelier Restaurant** 101 St. Albans Rd., St. Albans, Burlington, 802.863.8083 • [montpelierrestaurant.com](http://montpelierrestaurant.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Fire and Ice Restaurant

This popular restaurant is located on the corner of Main and historic Church and is a popular spot for date nights or a special dinner. Lunch is served through Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 5:30-9 p.m.; [fireandicerestaurant.com](http://fireandicerestaurant.com)

#### Other牛排店:

- Blue Goose Bistro** 8320 New Haven Rd., Burlington, 802.860.7102 • [bluegoose.com](http://bluegoose.com)
- J. Morgan's Steakhouse** 100 Main St., Montpelier, 802.255.2000 • [jmorgans.com](http://jmorgans.com)

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# FOOD

## BEST FRENCH FRIES

### Al's French Fries

Mixed Award: *French Fries/Season*\* by the James Beard Foundation. Over the hand-cut fries themselves, the best of the Sea. Fries 300-301 Main St., Burlington 802-860-3300. [alsoftfries.com](http://alsoftfries.com)

#### Other finalists:

- Belmont's Fries** 1800 Church St., Burlington 802-860-3300. [belmontsfries.com](http://belmontsfries.com)
- Heavy Lovers Co.** 100 Main St., Winooski 802-863-5000. [heavyloversco.com](http://heavyloversco.com)
- Neat's 301 Main St., Burlington 802-860-3300. [neatsvt.com](http://neatsvt.com)**
- The Farmhouse Tap & Deli** 100 Bank St., Burlington 802-268-8888. [farmhousetapanddeli.com](http://farmhousetapanddeli.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Prohibition Pig

Fast food, cioè fast food, letteralmente. Hasty Pig & Co. for the aficionados spot, chef Michael Vittorino brought his seriously delicious, slow-cooked meaty pulled pork (151 Main St., Burlington 802-860-2200; [prohibitionpig.com](http://prohibitionpig.com))

#### Other finalists:

- Blue Plate Diner** 238 Main St., South Burlington 802-457-4450. [blueplatediner.com](http://blueplatediner.com)
- Brown Family Taproom** 100 Main St., Burlington 203-8777. [brownfamilytaproom.com](http://brownfamilytaproom.com)

## BEST WINGS

### Wings Over Burlington

There are dozens of wings joints on the road and spurs around this. The wings—made with fresh spuds and a variety of toppings, from “honey” to barbecue to the standard “original”—are delicious. There are also wings ribs and sandwiches (140 Caser St., South Burlington 802-368-4414; [wingsoverburlington.com](http://wingsoverburlington.com))

#### Other finalists:

- Bellini Wild Wings** 300 Main St., Burlington 802-860-2100. [belliniwildwings.com](http://belliniwildwings.com)
- Hecklers** 90 Main St., Burlington 802-478-2200. [hecklersvt.com](http://hecklersvt.com)
- Bacon James** 300 Main St., Burlington 802-209-1000. [baconjamesvt.com](http://baconjamesvt.com)
- The Beverage Bistro & Tap Room** 15 Main St., Williston 244-7837. [beveragebistrovt.com](http://beveragebistrovt.com)

## BEST SANDWICHES

### Martone's Market & Café

This sandwich is popular for its “Vermonter” sandwich—mayo spread from cheddar,殖民地 cheese, ham, and lettuce. The Vermonter with maple ham and turkey honey mustard and cheddar, or plain old ham and cheese.

## BEST SANDWICHES

### MARTONE'S MARKET & CAFÉ

Since 1992, Essex Junction residents have spoken of the sandwiches at Martone's Market & Café in reverent tones, beholding and admiring the fresh, locally baked bread and the woven sticks and spreads. But most of their adoration is directed at the sheer size of the things. Next is paid high at Martone's, almost to the stature of the famous sandwiches at Katz's Delicatessen in New York. Conservative eaters may find themselves bringing home half, or even three-quarters of the Beard Head sandwich and getting another meal out of it. Others dig right in.

Either way, it's worth ordering a whole sandwich, which costs just \$1.50 more than a half portion and can feed a family.

At Martone's, the truth is between two slices of bread whether you choose warm ham-and-cheese meatloaf, the Vermonter with maple ham and turkey honey mustard and cheddar, or plain old ham-and-cheese dig right in.

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## BEST SUSHI

### Asiana House

At this fusion-style Japanese spot, sushi reigns supreme and tuna tartare is especially popular as are the Korean-style fish dishes. (917 Main St., Burlington 802-860-4330; [asianahousevt.com](http://asianahousevt.com))

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# DRINK



In recent years, Vermont has earned a reputation as a bona fide beer mecca. In the most recent tally, our humble state was home to more than 40 breweries (and counting). And even as brewers and drinkers start to wonder whether this growth is sustainable, thirsty Vermonters keep sipping up Oliver Twist-style, for more.

The 2004 Vermont Brewers Festival sold out in a mere 11 minutes, boasting last year's 30-hour line-ups. In Chittenden County, beer nerds flock to Burlington's Farmhouse Tap & Grill for dozens of brews from around the nation and world. Outside Chittenden County, Waterbury's Pheasant's Wigwam is a draw for its similarly rustic tap.

Those seeking a taproomoggie can also sip local liquids. Vermont's brewery industry is growing like a vine, and starting to gain recognition for producing fine fermenta. Local gins and whiskeys have become top shelf standards.

To keep up with the glut, we've added more than a dozen new drink categories to the Physician's guide for cocktails, beer and wine lists, brewpubs, and a myriad of different bars and all-new to our list of superlative sips.

We've also added two new categories for edibles — hard and alcohol-free — to recognize Vermont's diversifying apple industry. While "the people's press" at *Off Color* now has a Burlington tasting room, the year also spawned new companies such as Shakesbury Cider in Shoreham.

And let's not forget the other folks who go with the flow, the bouncers, dutifully checking IDs and boozing the pediously drunk; the friendly bartenders who know what you're drinking before you do; and the saintly barmen who pour your morning fix, complete with that charming little art that makes your Monday



Jason Chaffey

## BEST CRAFT BREWERY

### Switchback Brewing Company

Switchback Brewing Company's 100-year-old former sawmill in Shelburne is a fine-looking place to drink beer. "We're total Green Geeks," you can't help but notice in pens and notes and get a feel for the brewery. "Try the switchback pale ale." 360 Flynn Ave., Shelburne, 802-865-1400, [switchbackbrew.com](http://switchbackbrew.com).

#### Other Breweries

**Batch and Assembly Company** 1005 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 802-229-4400, [batchandassembly.com](http://batchandassembly.com)

**Hill Farmstead Brewery** 433 Hill Rd., Woodstock, 802-229-4200, [hillfarmstead.com](http://hillfarmstead.com)

**Lenski's New Brewing** 254 Vt. 100, Middlebury, 802-328-4200, [lenskisnewbrewing.com](http://lenskisnewbrewing.com)

**The Alchemist** 1200 Main St., Stowe, 802-253-2200, [thealchemist.com](http://thealchemist.com)

## BEST WINERY

### Shelburne Vineyard

Vermonter Ken Abbott is a shining light in the grape world with this northern-vineyard project, back in the vineyard and the cellar. Sample a few sips in the new crop Cuvage Vintner in the cozy tasting room. 1800 Shaker Rd., Shelburne, 802-862-5555, [shelburnevineyard.com](http://shelburnevineyard.com).

#### Other Wineries

**Reynard Valley Winery** 641 N. Route 104, Corinth, 802-865-8000, [reynardvalley.com](http://reynardvalley.com)  
1000 Shaker Rd., Shelburne, 802-862-5555, [shelburnewinery.com](http://shelburnewinery.com)

**Upton Park Vineyard** 160 River Rd., New Haven, 802-788-4400, [uptonpark.com](http://uptonpark.com)

**Green Farm Vineyard** 100 N. Green Rd., South Hero, 802-863-1000, [greenfarm.com](http://greenfarm.com)

## BEST DIVE BAR

### THE OTHER PLACE

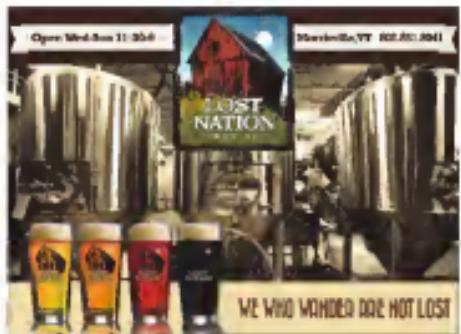
Many a night begins and ends at the Other Place, just off the top of Burlington's Church Street on North Winooski Avenue. Whether patrons are nursing a broken heart, celebrating a milestone or just enjoying days and the bar welcomes any and all with open arms, takes them in and holds them close.

It's a place of simple pleasures. The short drought list means local brews and cheap pilsners; the popcorn is salty and the tacos are available late. On warm summer nights, an open garage door wall blurs the line between bar and sidewalk, encouraging people-watching on both sides.

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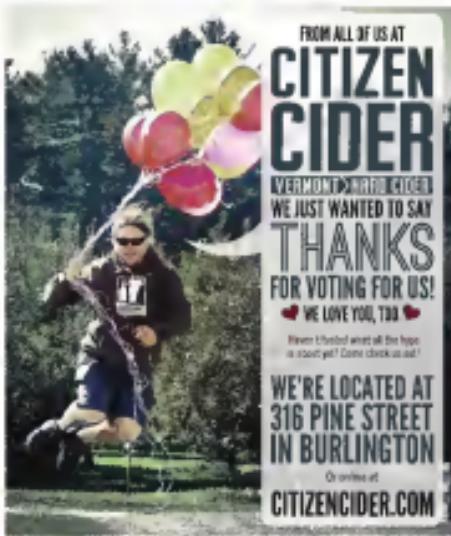


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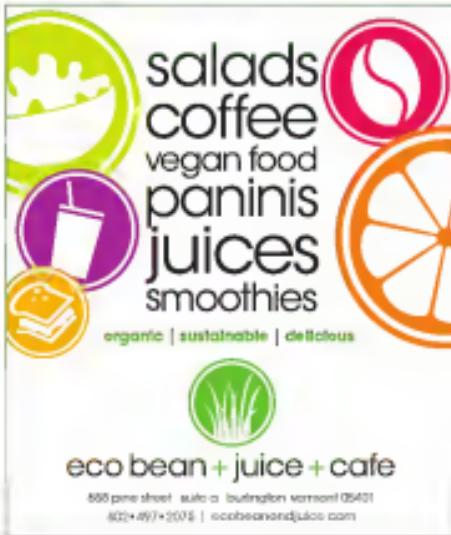
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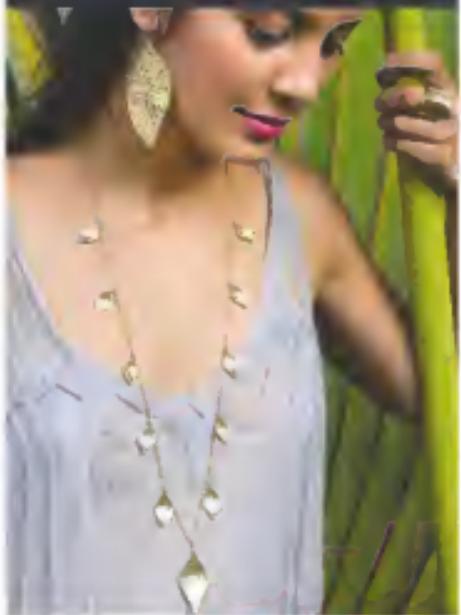
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- **Montpelier Pizza & Pub**, 161 Main St., Montpelier, 802-476-1700. [www.montpelierpizza.com](http://www.montpelierpizza.com)
- **McCoy's**, 99 Main St., Burlington, 802-477-1700. [www.mccoyvt.com](http://www.mccoyvt.com)
- **Reverb**, 136 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-7400. [www.reverbvt.com](http://www.reverbvt.com)
- **Three Heads Brewery & Taproom**, 193 Main St., Burlington, 802-863-5400. [www.threewebs.com](http://www.threewebs.com)

## BEST BARTENDER

### Kate Wise,

### Prohibition Pig

One may not be able to get a table at Kate Wise's Prohibition Pig, but the 30-year-old bartender has a diverse following. Her signature cocktail, the "Shallow Valley," is a mix of rum, lime juice, and mint. Her cocktails may be popular, but Wise is happy about it. (23 S. Main St., Waterbury, 204-525-5510; [prohibitionpig.com](http://www.prohibitionpig.com))

#### Other finalists:

- **Buck's Hulley Church Street Tavern**, 160 Church St., Burlington, 802-869-9999. [www.buckshulleyvt.com](http://www.buckshulleyvt.com)
- **Chris Maloney's Tap & Tacos**, 100 Main St., Burlington, 802-860-1000. [www.chrismaloneytapandtacos.com](http://www.chrismaloneytapandtacos.com)
- **West Side Lager (West Square)**, 100 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-9999. [www.westsquarevt.com](http://www.westsquarevt.com)
- **Sam's Kitchen (Dinner Party Taproom)**, 100 Main St., Montpelier, 802-873-1000. [www.samskitchenvt.com](http://www.samskitchenvt.com)

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#### Other finalists:

- **Black Cat Kitchen + Bar**, 100 Church St., Burlington, 802-863-2888. [www.blackcatvt.com](http://www.blackcatvt.com)
- **Swingin' Nuts & Café**, 150 Church St., Burlington, 802-863-1999. [swingin-nuts.com](http://www.swingin-nuts.com)
- **Magellan Bar + Bistro**, 11 Lawrence Ln., Burlington, 802-747-1111. [magellansbistro.com](http://www.magellansbistro.com)
- **Philly Cheesesteak Café**, 101 Chestnut St., Burlington, 802-864-5994. [www.phillycheesesteakvt.com](http://www.phillycheesesteakvt.com)



## BEST BARTENDER, BEST DRAUGHT BEER LIST, BEST BREWPUB

### PROHIBITION PIG

Waterbury's Prohibition Pig is renowned for its meats, tender smoky barbecue melding the best of Southern tradition and Vermont ingredients; but it's also respected for its draft list, which brings beers aplenty — two dozen on any given night — with such from super exclusive world-class breweries such as Burlington's Zero Gravity Craft Brewery, Green Mountain's Hill Farmstead Brewery and Waterbury's The Alchemist.

In 2012, owner Chad Richard and brewer Brett Johnson decided to take a crack at making their own beer. Their Hopslip brew, Prohibition Pig Pale Ale, started selling faster than they could make it. Now they're making everything from low ABV saison ales to a powerful double IPA, a red ale with lambic, and several others.

And there's a return on the way. With construction underway that will expand the building, Pro Pig's brew options will grow significantly, making way for new beers and more of them.

23 South Main St., Waterbury, 204-428-7900; [prohibitionpig.com](http://www.prohibitionpig.com)

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## BEST COCKTAILS

### The Daily Planet

The "Planet" has been a tiny "divey" for non-tourists since it opened in 1983. There's a flavor-drinking menu and cozy atmosphere, but regulars like to sit at the bar and watch their second, towering cocktails being made. (20 Church St., Burlington, 802-860-5565; [www.thedailyplanetvt.com](http://www.thedailyplanetvt.com))

#### Other finalists:

- **Dixie**, 133 Main St., St. Albans, 802-658-5500. [www.dixievt.com](http://www.dixievt.com)
- **South Haven**, 1623 Fletcher Rd., South Burlington, 491-1000. [www.southhavenvt.com](http://www.southhavenvt.com)
- **Jackson Bar & Restaurant**, 101 Cherry St., Burlington, 802-860-7000. [www.jacksonvt.com](http://www.jacksonvt.com)
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#### Other finalists:

- **Ice Queen and Juice**, 809 Main St., Burlington, 491-2815. [www.icequeenandjuice.com](http://www.icequeenandjuice.com)
- **Healthy Living Market & Cafe**, 202 Main St., South Burlington, 802-862-2586. [www.healthylivingvt.com](http://www.healthylivingvt.com)
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- **Tea Room**, 101 Church St., Burlington, 223-5421. [www.tearoomvt.com](http://www.tearoomvt.com)
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# ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT



## Well, the people have spoken.

And it seems they're been saying the same thing they've been saying for years: The people love them some Grace Potter. Vermont's highest-profile rock diva and her band, the Nocturnals, were pretty much the only Deepsie-owned they qualified for in 2014, and even one they kinda didn't — we're calling Grace a singer-songwriter now! All righty then.

This year's list of Deepsies A&E winners is a tad better than in previous years because we added a slew of new categories. In music alone we expanded to 14 categories, breaking out by genre and radio: such as sound engineers and record labels.

Voters responded by giving props to a wide variety of artists and others who shone in the local music, theater, film, visual art and comedy scenes.

If you see us in town that you don't recognize, do yourself a favor and check it out. Trust us, we'll be worth your time. After all, Grace couldn't win everything.



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## BEST AMERICANA ARTIST / GROUP

### WAYLON SPEED

For years, Burlington's Waylon Speed have set the quietude made a name for themselves in Vermont. We call their high-octane blend of country and metal "spaceWestern." But recently, that Slyder-meets Waylon Jennings sound has begun to attract ears beyond our borders. The band's 2014 album *Ken* is easily among the finest local releases of the year and has helped national audiences discover what Vermonters have known all along: Waylon Speed rock, underground outlaw dirt rock, as they put it.

[waylonspeed.com](http://waylonspeed.com)

## BEST LARGE LIVE MUSIC VENUE

### Higher Ground

A performing institution the Northeast, Higher Ground has come performance issues, the biomass, which consists of touring national acts and the Showroom Lounge, where local groups and local bands (201 Main St., Suite 200, Burlington, 802-221-1144; [highergroundvt.com](http://highergroundvt.com)) often play.

**Building:** 201 Main St., Burlington [highergroundvt.com](http://highergroundvt.com)

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## BEST SMALL LOCAL MUSIC HOT SPOT

### Higher Ground

True to its name, the band's sound in the Higher Ground is on point. But, if you're feeling a bit more laid back, you may enjoy nights at H&B Taproom in the cozy Showroom Lounge, where local artists perform live sets of traditional rock, indie, blues, jazz, folk, funk, fusion and soul. (201 Main St., Suite 200, Burlington, 802-221-1144; [highergroundvt.com](http://highergroundvt.com))

**Other regulars:**

**The Monkey House:** 16 Main St., Williston, 802-863-1000; [monkeyhousevt.com](http://monkeyhousevt.com)

**Shambala:** 100 Main St., Williston, 802-863-4477; [shambalavt.com](http://shambalavt.com)

**Reverb:** 100 Main St., Burlington, 802-447-1111; [reverbvt.com](http://reverbvt.com)

**Sign It Like It Is:** 21 Main St., Burlington, 802-223-1111; [signitlikeitisvt.com](http://signitlikeitisvt.com)

## BEST PLACE TO PLAY POOL

### Three Needs Brewery & Taproom

A recently opened bar/brewery/boutique beer store, Three Needs is a welcome addition to the local scene. (101 Main St., Burlington #504; [threeneedsbrewery.com](http://threeneedsbrewery.com))

**Other places:**

**Charlie O's World Famous:** 79 Main St., Williston, 802-862-1100

**Manhattan Pizza & Pub:** 101 Main St., Burlington, 802-863-1717; [manhattanpizzaandpub.com](http://manhattanpizzaandpub.com)

**Barley's:** 101 Main St., Burlington, 802-447-1100; [barleysvt.com](http://barleysvt.com)

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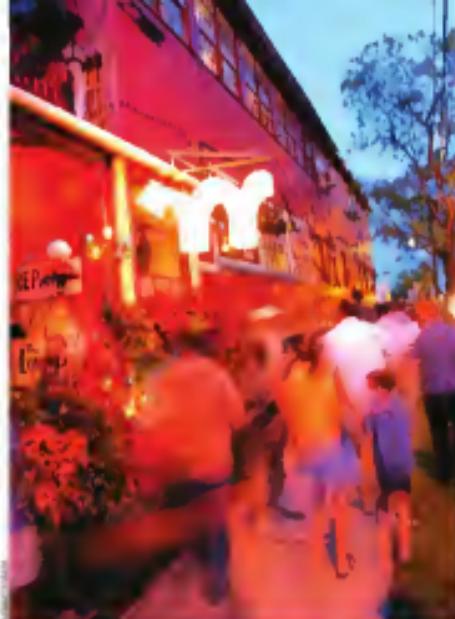
#### Other places:

- Steffen's Speakeasy**, 106 UV Church St., Burlington, 802.862.7400; [Facebook](http://facebook.com/SteffensSpeakeasy)

- Higher Grounds**, 1214 Williston Rd., South Burlington, 802.862.3312; [highergroundsburlington.com](http://highergroundsburlington.com)

- Metropolis**, 1214 Williston Rd., Burlington, 802.862.3312; [metropolisvt.com](http://metropolisvt.com)

- Ballroom**, 121 Church St., Burlington, 802.862.2559; [ballroomvt.com](http://ballroomvt.com)



## BEST TRIVIA NIGHT

### Nectar's

Crosses respectfully at the bar where Phish were born, Nectar's has long been a local favorite hangout, but the dim lighting and the lack of a stage keep it's off-the-wall factor. (Intriguing — illuminating neon sign in hairy 101 Main St., Burlington, 802.862.7711; [nectarsvt.com](http://nectarsvt.com))

#### Other places:

- Bar B & Restaurant**, 41 Cherry St., Burlington, 802.863.0200; [barbandvt.com](http://barbandvt.com)

- On Tap**, 60 St. Louis St., Essex Junction, 802.862.3367; [ontapvt.com](http://ontapvt.com)

- Passover Presso & Lounge**, 3030 Rivermont, 802.864.2010; [passoverpresso.com](http://passoverpresso.com)

- The Bush Pub**, 103 Church St., Burlington, 802.862.9121; [bushpubvt.com](http://bushpubvt.com)

## BEST KARAOKE

### JP's Pub

This friendly Burlington institution affords karaoke that might as well be carted out: there are two pub-style booths and tables and a room. (701 Main St., Burlington, 802.860.5125; [jpspubvt.com](http://jpspubvt.com))

#### Other places:

- Cloud 9's World Pub**, 79 Main St., Burlington, 802.862.8822

- Marshall's Pub & Pub**, 101 Main St., Burlington, 802.862.3300; [marshallspubvt.com](http://marshallspubvt.com)

- The Rutland Pub**, 825 Main St., Essex Junction, 802.864.5404; [Facebook](http://facebook.com/TheRutlandPub)

- The St. John's Club**, 81 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.5125; [Facebook](http://facebook.com/TheStJohnsClub)

## BEST STANDUP COMIC

### Josie Leavitt

This very funny local actress, singer, handbag designer is responsible for launching a standup comedy scene in Vermont. She performs with the Comedy Coop, and has hosted several comedy showcases (including a recent one at the Vermont Comedy Center). [facebook.com/JosieLeavitt](http://facebook.com/JosieLeavitt)

#### Other places:

- Josie's**, [facebook.com/JosiesVT](http://facebook.com/JosiesVT)

- National Martini Bar**, [facebook.com/NationalMartiniBar](http://facebook.com/NationalMartiniBar)

- Common Legals**, [facebook.com/CommonLegals](http://facebook.com/CommonLegals)

- Oneida**, [facebook.com/Oneida](http://facebook.com/Oneida)

## BEST INSTRUMENTALIST

### Dave Grippo

When not soloing, this big grippo funk band got their start in 1980, performing every Monday night at First Square — for seven years. Also a music teacher shaping the next generation of players, Grippo is simply an icon in a postmodern era of sound.

#### Other places:

- Paul's Ark**, [facebook.com/PaulsArk](http://facebook.com/PaulsArk)

- Jug Dive**, [facebook.com/JugDive](http://facebook.com/JugDive)

- Peter Drag**

- Bob Wagner**, [facebook.com/BobWagner](http://facebook.com/BobWagner)

- Scott Yeressian**, [facebook.com/ScottYeressian](http://facebook.com/ScottYeressian)

## BEST SINGER / SONGWRITER

### Grace Potter

Most local indie-singer/songwriters value purity in melody more than volume, but Grace Potter belies this with talents as a songwriter, performer, and record producer. She's the first female to win a Vermont Music Award, and she's won three since 2007 (including the Lifetime Achievement). Her band is adding 4/17 (go [gracepotter.com](http://gracepotter.com)).

#### Other places:

- Gregory Douglass**, [facebook.com/GregoryDouglass](http://facebook.com/GregoryDouglass)

- John K. Samson**, [facebook.com/JohnKSamson](http://facebook.com/JohnKSamson)

- Josh Ronda**, [facebook.com/JoshRonda](http://facebook.com/JoshRonda)

- Mary Smith**, [facebook.com/MarySmithVT](http://facebook.com/MarySmithVT)

- Eat Wing**, [facebook.com/EatWing](http://facebook.com/EatWing)

## BEST COMMUNITY EVENT/FESTIVAL

### THE SOUTH END ART HOP

More than 300 art lovers and partiers flock to the annual "saucy" Art Hop, which runs along and near Burlington's Pearl Street and includes dozens of open studios, gallery events, food vendors, music, indoor and outdoor music, license fun. On Saturday night, *Strut*, the fashion show featuring local designers, regularly sells out; it's the only ticketed component of Vermont's largest art event, put on by the South End Arts and Business Association and staffed by hordes of volunteer volunteers.

484 Pearl St., Burlington — 802.862.2484; [seahopvt.com](http://seahopvt.com)

## BEST DRAG PERFORMER / GROUP

### The House of LeMay

Visitors might be surprised to learn that Vermont has drag performers, but in fact the House of LeMay is an institution. More than three guys in drag, the House of LeMay is a drag queen army that performs to packed houses and wins many well in heats. ([facebook.com/HouseofLeMay](http://facebook.com/HouseofLeMay))

#### Other places:

- Kings Local**, 888-1; [Facebook](http://facebook.com/KingsLocal)

- The Laramie**, [Facebook](http://facebook.com/TheLaramie)

- Maya's Fizz**, [Facebook](http://facebook.com/Maya'sFizz)

- Mayhem Mayhem**, [Facebook](http://facebook.com/MayhemMayhem)

## BEST VOCALIST

### Grace Potter

Grace Potter (she's been called "the best female voice in the country" by *USA Today*) is a superlative singer-songwriter who also appears on *Letterman* (she was invited to the show three times just last year). ([gracepotter.com](http://gracepotter.com))

#### Other places:

- Gregory Douglass**, [facebook.com/GregoryDouglass](http://facebook.com/GregoryDouglass)

- Mary Smith**, [facebook.com/MarySmithVT](http://facebook.com/MarySmithVT)

- Josh Ronda**, [facebook.com/JoshRonda](http://facebook.com/JoshRonda)

- Eat Wing**, [facebook.com/EatWing](http://facebook.com/EatWing)

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## BEST RECORDING STUDIO / ENGINEER

### Walter Westinghouse

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#### Other finalists:

**Ryan Cahan, Rebet Dog Studio** 25 Orange Dr. Williston 05491-2920, [rebetdogstudios.com](http://rebetdogstudios.com)

**Dave Schulte, Signal Studios** 319 Main St., Burlington 05401, [signalstudiosvt.com](http://signalstudiosvt.com)

**Andrea Slatkin, West Grass Signal** 1446 West St., P.O. Box 324, Tico, [westgrasssignal.com](http://westgrasssignal.com)

**Chris McCaffrey** P.O. Box 38, Burlington 05454-0038, [ccmccaffrey.com](http://ccmccaffrey.com)

**Rich Stelle & Chris Ortega, The Tap** 244 North Williston Ave., Burlington 05401, [thetapvt.com](http://thetapvt.com)



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## BEST AMERICANA ARTIST / GROUP

### Waylon Speed

If you had to choose the best Vermont band to make national waves, our money would be on Waylon Speed. Their local road warriors are a mix of indie rock, folk and country, with a dash of indie rock. They've been touring since 2004, having sold a dozen records and then, just recently, won the country's top folk award, the Americana Award for Best New Artist.

#### Other finalists:

**Bartley and Basso Boys** [bartleyandbassoboyz.com](http://bartleyandbassoboyz.com)

**BB&H** [bbandh.com](http://bbandh.com)

**Chris Coseman and the Dangergarden** [chriscoseman.com](http://chriscoseman.com)

**Common** [common.com](http://common.com)

## BEST FUNK / R&B ARTIST / GROUP

### Kat Wright & the Indomitable Soul Band

The Burlington band, led by singer and front woman Kat Wright, has been a favorite at the Burlington International Jazz Festival and the Green River Blues Festival. They've performed with the Queen City's most dynamic and popular groups. [katwrightsoulband.com]

#### Other finalists:

**Steve Brigan Band** [stevebrigan.com](http://stevebrigan.com)

**Funkeiros** [funkeiros.com](http://funkeiros.com)

**Sang of Three** [sangofthree.com](http://sangofthree.com)

**Shambelle** [shambellemusic.com](http://shambellemusic.com)

## BEST JAZZ / BLUES ARTIST / GROUP

### Kat Wright & the Indomitable Soul Band

The Wrights' trademark is soul jazz. But the group doesn't settle for the more "smooth jazz" players, including keyboardist Steve Winkenbach and bass players Luan Gaskins, Jason Winkenbach and Steve Purcell. [katwrightsoulband.com]

#### Other finalists:

**Paul Aulick** [paulaulick.com](http://paulaulick.com)

**George & Nica** [georgeandnica.com](http://georgeandnica.com)

**Janet Jackson** [janetjackson.com](http://janetjackson.com)

**Merica** [mericamusic.com](http://mericamusic.com)

## BEST ROCK ARTIST / GROUP

### Grace Potter and the Nocturnals

The electrically charged rock band featuring the MacMahan's in Vermont are on their way to success. Musical equals of the Phish, but Potter has an indie-bop-bossa-nova twist to their music. The band launched the Burlington music festival, External Point, held in September. [gracepotterandthenocturnals.com]

#### Other finalists:

**Bugaboo** [bugaboo-music.com](http://bugaboo-music.com)

**Jessie Pando and the Hot Bandit** [jessiepando.com](http://jessiepando.com)

**Reaper** [reapervt.com](http://reapervt.com)

**Reverie** [reverieband.com](http://reverieband.com)

## BEST HIP-HOP ARTIST / GROUP

### The Linguistic Civilians

They have a Vermont CD. Their catalog is very acoustic, but a mix of electronic blues, electronic LC, Muza Muza and Mu Blame. This year, the band, originally from New Jersey, has been touring with groups like the Roots. [the-linguistic-civilians.com]

#### Other finalists:

**AEVY** [aevy.com](http://aevy.com)

**The Axlete** [the-axlete.com](http://the-axlete.com)

**Bassline-CHH** [bassline-chh.com](http://bassline-chh.com)

**FTY** [ftyvt.com](http://ftyvt.com)



## BEST ELECTRONIC MUSIC DJ / GROUP

### Craig Mitchell

Craig Mitchell's DJ sets have been a favorite in the DJ booth, making his sets music as pleasing as a mix of other DJ's. [Reverie] (Ring of Thorns) 95.7 WMBZ radio, the party for the casual, older ear and DJ's (djaudiotech.com) (djaudiotech.com)



## DJ A-Dog

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#### Other finalists:

**DJ Steve Franklin** [djstevefranklin.com](http://djstevefranklin.com)

**DJ Um** [djum.com](http://djum.com)

**DJ Reverso** [djreverso.com](http://djreverso.com)

## BEST STANDUP COMIC

### JOSIE LEAVITT

Josie Leavitt is the matriarch of Vermont's burgeoning standup comedy scene. In fact, were it not for her efforts, the state might not have a standup scene at all. The New York City transplant and Flying Pig Bookstore co-owner is not only one of the funniest people around; she's a great teacher too. Her comedy classes through Rhythms in Burlington have spawned out more talented local comics than we can count. A few of them now rank as members of Vermont's longest-running standup crew, the Vermont Comedy Crew, which Leavitt founded.

[josieleavitt.com](http://josieleavitt.com)



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## BEST VISUAL ARTIST

### Katharine Montstream

A painter of figures in mixed media, Montstream paints fluid and serene scenes—many inspired by her prints and paintings—of the human body and the natural world. Burlington's painter is behind the dozen-plus City Hall Park (bentonstudio.com).

#### Other finalists

- Bob Baumrind**, [www.bobbaumrind.com](http://www.bobbaumrind.com)
- Bob Hart**, [www.bobhart.com](http://www.bobhart.com)
- West Street**, [weststreetgallery.com](http://weststreetgallery.com)
- Matthew Thomas**, [matthewthomas.com](http://matthewthomas.com)

## BEST ART GALLERY

### Shelburne Museum

Founded over 100 years ago, the Shelburne Museum has more than 100,000 items in its permanent collection and is famous for its 18th-century objects as well as Impressionist paintings. With the opening of the Proctor Art Center for Art and Education, the museum now has space to host gallery events (101 16000 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 802.860.3234; [www.sbm.org](http://www.sbm.org)).

#### Other finalists

- ArtBistro**, 4020 Pine St., Burlington, 802.863.1700; [artbistrovt.com](http://artbistrovt.com)
- ICA-Gallerie**, 135 Church St., Burlington, 802.860.7505; [ica-gallerie.com](http://ica-gallerie.com)
- Frog and Toad**, [frogandtoad.com](http://frogandtoad.com)
- 18 Church St.**, Burlington, 802.860.5100; [18churchst.com](http://18churchst.com)
- The 5 R's Art Gallery**, 281 Pine St., Suite 105, Burlington, 802.862.7100; [5rsgallery.com](http://5rsgallery.com)



## BEST MOVIE THEATER

### Majestic 10

This Avi Lerner movie theater chain is massive, with a system in a franchise to view your favorite movies— and it's also a leading source of art house and foreign films. Me and Jim, Jim, who runs over the tiny downtown city that has its namesake movie theater (180 Church St., Williston, 802.860.1000; [majestic10.com](http://majestic10.com)).

#### Other finalists

- Elton Cinema**, [eltoncinema.com](http://eltoncinema.com)
- Martin's Lucy Cinema**, 202 College St., Burlington, 802.863.4312; [martinscinema.com](http://martinscinema.com)
- Palafox**, 109 Proctor St., South Burlington, 802.860.1400; [palafox.com](http://palafox.com)
- Sundance Cinema**, 150 Proctor's Point Rd., Essexville, 802.860.5200; [sundancevt.com](http://sundancevt.com)

## OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### The Savvy Theater

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#### Other finalists

- Mg Picture Theater & Cafe**, 48 Church St., Williston, 802.864.1000; [mgpicturetheater.com](http://mgpicturetheater.com)
- Elton Cinema**, 2-Plus, 104 Mountain Rd., Stowe, 802.469.1200; [eltoncinema.com](http://eltoncinema.com)

## BEST COMMUNITY EVENT/FESTIVAL

### South End Art Hop

Artworks, original art events, art in over 200 local art galleries and with open studios, music, food and a theater show. The monthly fest is synonymous with the South End Arts and Business Association and entities around Burlington's Pine Street. (424 Pine St., Burlington, 802.862.5000; [arthopvt.com](http://arthopvt.com)).

#### Other finalists

- Burlington Discovery Jazz Festival**, 154 Church St., Suite 202, Burlington, 802.988.0200; [burlingtonjazzfestival.com](http://burlingtonjazzfestival.com)
- Burlington Farmers Market**, City Hall Annex, 10 Church St., Suite 200, Burlington, 802.860.5000; [burlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://burlingtonfarmersmarket.com)
- KeyBank Summer City Marathon & 5k**, 1 Main St., Suite 304, Burlington, 802.863.4100; [keybankvt.com](http://keybankvt.com)
- Vermont Brewers Festival**, Burlington Waterfront Park, [vermontbrewersfestival.com](http://vermontbrewersfestival.com)

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### FERN ELLIOTT

Artist: Bruce Whimbear of Whimbear Tattoos in St. Johnsbury

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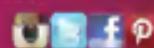


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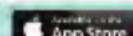
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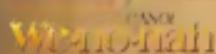


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#### Other Boutiques

- **One Step**, 36 Church St., Burlington 863-875-5500. [onestepvt.com](http://onestepvt.com)
- **Lenny's Dress & Apparel**, 7101 Evans Rd., Pittsford 828-4882. 2300 Menlo Mall Dr., Suite 4-105-7448. 2100 Menlo Mall Dr., Pittsford, 827-8532. 281 Twin Miller Rd., Pittsford, NY 581-3113. 314-1420. [lenneysvt.com](http://lenneysvt.com)
- **Shoeless Joe**, 94 Church St., Burlington 863-8630. [shoelessjoe.com](http://shoelessjoe.com)
- **The Shoe Box Boutique**, 9 Larkspur St., Montpelier 873-5424. [shoeboxvt.com](http://shoeboxvt.com)

## BEST SECOND-HAND CLOTHING

### Second Time Around

The 21-year-old consignment company has 10 stores in Burlington and church districts. [SecondTimeAround.com](http://secondtimearound.com) The store is popular for its nice and reasonably priced clothing and accessories. 104 Church St., Burlington 863-9120. [secondtimearound.com](http://secondtimearound.com)

#### Other Boutiques

- **Estuary Street Jeans**, 11 Monroe St., Burlington 863-8129. [estuarystreetjeans.com](http://estuarystreetjeans.com)
- **Rebound**, 1000 Shoppeside Rd., South Burlington 865-2288. [reboundvt.com](http://reboundvt.com)
- **Old Gold**, 100 Main St., Burlington 864-1795. [oldgoldvt.com](http://oldgoldvt.com)
- **Plaza Closet**, 94 First Center Shopping Center, Winooski 863-6001. [plazacloset.com](http://plazacloset.com)

## BEST CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

### Once Upon A Child

Once Upon A Child offers the "gentle used" alternative to new clothes. Growing up can be hard. Kids' clothing and baby gear. 609 1st St., Colchester Shopping Center, Winooski, 863-5345. [onceuponachildvt.com](http://onceuponachildvt.com)

#### Other Boutiques

- **Rotund Knuckles**, 144 Haven St., #30, Pittsford 828-8715. [rotundknuckles.com](http://rotundknuckles.com)
- **Cartier's Boutique**, 21 Church St., Burlington 863-4527. [cartiersboutique.com](http://cartiersboutique.com)
- **Gap Kids**, 49 Church St., Burlington 860-7932. [gap.com](http://gap.com)
- **Nation Tots**, 1798 Honduras Rd., Stowe 253-8734. [nationtots.com](http://nationtots.com)
- **Deane's**, 205 Main St., Montpelier 873-2338. [deanesvt.com](http://deanesvt.com)



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## BEST LINGERIE STORE

### ARISTELLE

Model or not? This independently owned Burlington boutique prides itself on its super-tailored, fit-fitting fare for every woman's body. From everyday to special occasion lingerie, maternity wear to swimwear. Available comes numerous brands in an impressive variety of sizes. The store also offers private fittings with lots and special orders, and happily hosts events such as bridal showers and girlfriend nights. After all, what lies beneath is every woman's secret.

61 Church St., Burlington • 862-5464 • [aristelle.com](http://aristelle.com)

## BEST EYEGLASSES

### Eyes of the World

From eye wear to frames and accessories, this serviceable optician carries eyeglasses and vintage frames. 1004 Lark St., Burlington 863-8880. [eyestheworld.com](http://eyestheworld.com)

#### Other Boutiques

- **Costco**, 205 Lower Main St., Winooski 863-6224. [costco.com](http://costco.com)
- **EyeCare of Vermont**, 240 College St., Burlington 863-3326. [eyecareofvermont.com](http://eyecareofvermont.com)
- **GoodVision**, 165 Dorset St., South Burlington 863-7208. [goodvision.com](http://goodvision.com)
- **Optical Center**, 101 Church St., Burlington 863-4124. [opticalcenter.com](http://opticalcenter.com)

## BEST PLACE TO BUY JEWELRY

### Perrywinkle's Fine Jewelry

Perrywinkle's Fine Jewelry sells diamonds and gemstones around the world for its long list, jewelry and other accessories including art and prints of jewelry and watches. 220 Main St., Burlington 863-2614. [perrywinkles.com](http://perrywinkles.com)

#### Other Boutiques

- **Tok Tok Jeweler**, 180 Bank St., Burlington 863-2143. [toktokjeweler.com](http://toktokjeweler.com)
- **Tradewinds Imports**, 90 Church St., Burlington 863-2629. [tradewindsimports.com](http://tradewindsimports.com)
- **Van Bargain Jewelry**, 91 Church St., Burlington 863-2023. [vanbargainjewelry.com](http://vanbargainjewelry.com)
- **Ward's**, 2 Church St., Burlington 863-2301. [wardsvt.com](http://wardsvt.com)
- **Woolley's**, 100 Church St., Burlington 863-2180. [woolley.com](http://woolley.com)
- **Tonic Jewelry**, 157 Church St., Burlington, 863-1720. [tonicjewelry.com](http://tonicjewelry.com)

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#### Other Boutiques

- **Art & Soul**, 18 Church St., Burlington 863-1200. [artsoulvt.com](http://artsoulvt.com)
- **Depotix**, 110 Church St., South Burlington 863-5284. [depotix.com](http://depotix.com)
- **Spaith Naturals**, 610 St., St. Albans 863-7102. [spainaturals.com](http://spainaturals.com)
- **The Body Shop**, 14 Church St., Burlington 863-8864. [thebodyshopvt.com](http://thebodyshopvt.com)

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#### Other Boutiques

- **Boys' Farms & Forest**, 40 Depot St., Winooski 863-5217. [boysfarmsandforests.com](http://boysfarmsandforests.com)
- **Green Pet**, 200 Main St., Winooski 863-2007. [greenpetvt.com](http://greenpetvt.com)
- **Parrot**, 863-741-1111, 10 Church St., Burlington 863-4233. [parrotvt.com](http://parrotvt.com)
- **PetSmart**, 101 Franklin Mall St., Winooski 863-7419. [petsmart.com](http://petsmart.com)
- **The Pet Advantage**, 350 Church St., South Burlington 863-1716. [thepetadvantage.com](http://thepetadvantage.com)



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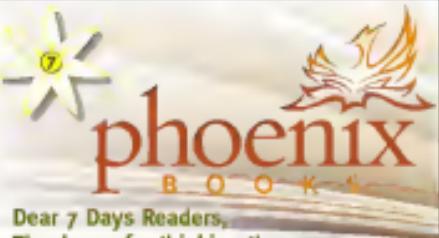


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#### Other details:

- **Guitar Doctor**, 21 Winooski St., Williston 879.3527; [guitardoctor.com](http://guitardoctor.com)
- **Guitar Lane**, 18 Main St., Montpelier 802.223.9200; [guitarlane.com](http://guitarlane.com)
- **Kendall Music Store and Guitar Repair**, 200 Church St., Rutland; 802.783.9000; [kendallmusic.com](http://kendallmusic.com)
- **Vermont Violin**, 23 Church St., Burlington 802.229.5545; 24 Main St., Montpelier 899.4303; [vermontviolin.com](http://vermontviolin.com)



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#### Other details:

- **Barnes & Noble**, 102 Church St., South Burlington 864.9083; [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)
- **Green Bookselling**, 140 Church St., Burlington 802.863.5000; [greenbookselling.com](http://greenbookselling.com)
- **The Flying Pig**, 3290 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne 873.3510; [theflyingpigvt.com](http://theflyingpigvt.com)

## BEST OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY

### Bear Pond Books

One of several independently owned bookstores in Long Montpelier, Bear Pond offers a large selection of new and used books. They also have a gift shop and a small cafe. (100 Main St., Long Montpelier; 802.223.6772; [bearpondbooks.com](http://bearpondbooks.com))

#### Other details:

- **Booksale**, 101 Main St., Winooski 244.5441; [booksalebooks.com](http://booksalebooks.com)
- **The Vermont Bookshop**, 10 Main St., Middlebury 802.362.2607; [vermontbookshop.com](http://vermontbookshop.com)

## BEST HOUSEWARES STORE

### Homeport

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#### Other details:

- **Bonnie & Ampersand**, 737 Thetford Ln., Williston 876.5873; [bonnieandampersand.com](http://bonnieandampersand.com)
- **Capital One Home**, 10 Main St., Montpelier 873.2305; [capitalonehome.com](http://capitalonehome.com)
- **Homegoods**, 1000 International, Shelburne Road, Shelburne 802.863.7496; [homegoods.com](http://homegoods.com)
- **One More Chair**, 102 Church St., Burlington 802.863.3289; [onemorechaircompany.com](http://onemorechaircompany.com)
- **Shelburne Furniture**, 901 Main St., Shelburne 802.864.2111; [shelburnefurniture.com](http://shelburnefurniture.com)

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### SECOND TIME AROUND

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38 Church St., Burlington 860.4100; [www.secondsaround.net](http://www.secondsaround.net)

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### Bubbled Noodlets

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#### Other details:

- **Justine Fine Goods Toy Shop**, #34 Main St., South Burlington 865.3227; [facebook.com/justinefinegoods](http://facebook.com/justinefinegoods)
- **Kids City**, 101 Farnell St., South Burlington 863.8220; [facebook.com/kidscityvt](http://facebook.com/kidscityvt)
- **Top 10**, 244 Main St., Williston 873.4111; [top10vt.com](http://top10vt.com)
- **Wooly Monkey**, 1001 Main St., Burlington 223.4622; [woollymonkeyvt.com](http://woollymonkeyvt.com)

## BEST FURNITURE STORE

### Burlington Furniture Company

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#### Other details:

- **Homeport**, 55 Church St., Burlington 863.4644; [homeportvt.com](http://homeportvt.com)
- **Western Passage Furnishings**, 2016 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne 802.863.1607; [westernpassagefurnishings.net](http://westernpassagefurnishings.net)
- **The Superstore**, 343 Main St., Winooski 863.8238; 873-8221; [superstorevt.com](http://superstorevt.com)
- **Wooly Monkey**, 1001 Main St., Burlington 863.8220; 873.7777; [woollymonkeyvt.com](http://woollymonkeyvt.com)
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#### Other details:

- **Angie's Little Piggy**, 53 Main St., Burlington 802.860.1800; [angieslittlepiggy.com](http://angieslittlepiggy.com)
- **Bingo Consignment**, 207 Main St., Burlington 802.863.2100; [bingoconsignment.com](http://bingoconsignment.com)
- **JustEnough**, 201 Main Street, Burlington 802.863.5028; [justenoughvt.net](http://justenoughvt.net)
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# SHOPPING

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### Other Retailers

**Best Buy** 20 Cypress St., Williston • 872-0902 • [bestbuy.com](http://bestbuy.com)  
**CompUSA on Change** 196 College St., Burlington • 259-0687 • [compusaonchange.com](http://compusaonchange.com)  
**Fine Computer** 2009 Williston St., South Burlington • 863-2003 • [finecomputer.com](http://finecomputer.com)  
**Master** 1017 Williston Rd., South Burlington • 863-0105 • [www.mastervt.com](http://www.mastervt.com)

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**Green Mountain Camera** 863-4500 • [greenmountaincamera.com](http://greenmountaincamera.com)  
**PhotoSenses** 10 Denot St., South Burlington • 863-1236 • [photosenses.com](http://photosenses.com)

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**Bridalique** 406 Main St., South Burlington • 863-2552 • [bridalique.com](http://bridalique.com)  
**IC's Bridal and Formal** 105 Main St., South Burlington • 863-2552 • [icbridal.com](http://icbridal.com)  
**Neanderthal's Bridal & Formal** 101 Bonney St., South Burlington • 863-2012 • [neanderthalsbridal.com](http://neanderthalsbridal.com)  
**Sandy Peaks Bridal & Gown Specialties** 2 Deane St., South Burlington • 863-2552 • [sandypeaksbridal.com](http://sandypeaksbridal.com)

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**Frederick Nissan** 105 Sherman Rd., South Burlington • 863-2600 • [fredericknissan.com](http://fredericknissan.com)  
**Hartage Ford** 1050 Sherman Rd., South Burlington • 863-1100 • [hartageford.com](http://hartageford.com)  
**Hartage Toyota** 1050 Sherman Rd., South Burlington • 863-3220 • [hartagetoys.com](http://hartagetoys.com)

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### Gardener's Supply Company

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### Other Retailers

**Clayton's Florist & Greenhouse** 107 Main St., Colchester • 863-2333 • [claytons.com](http://claytons.com)  
**Engel's Garden Center of Vermont** 13 Colgate Ln., White River Junction • 864-8512 • [engelsvt.com](http://engelsvt.com)  
**Harvest Garden & Nursery** 210 Sherman St., Charlotte • 863-2311 • [harvestvt.com](http://harvestvt.com)  
**Progetto Full of Plants** 1056 N. Main St., Williston • 834-2384 • [www.progettovt.com](http://www.progettovt.com)

## BEST PLACE TO BUY A PIPE

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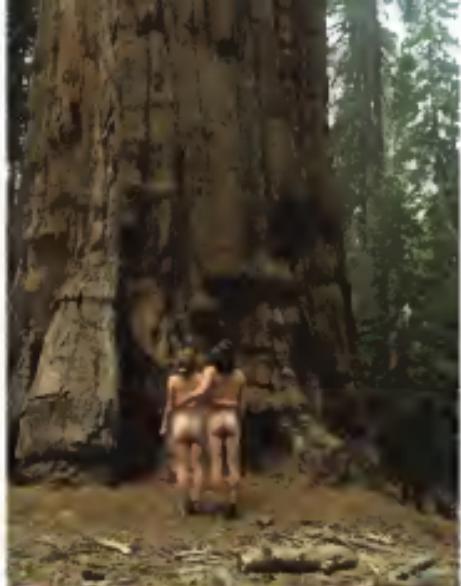
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##### Other Snowboards

**A-J's Ski and Sports** 330 Mountain Rd., Stowe 863-4253. [ajssports.com](http://ajssports.com)  
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**Old Lyman's Bike** 303 Main Street, Burlington 860-4223. [oldlymans.com](http://oldlymans.com)  
**Mountain Bike** 23 Main St., Burlington 863-4200. [mbike.com](http://mbike.com)

#### OUTSIDE CHITTENDEN COUNTY

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**A-J's Ski and Sports** 330 Mountain Rd., Stowe 863-4253. [ajssports.com](http://ajssports.com)  
**Independent A & Piste** 107 River St., Montpelier 363-5070. [indepstyle.com](http://indepstyle.com)

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##### **Outdoor Gear Exchange**

Locally owned Outdoor Gear Exchange has been selling outdoor apparel and equipment, and presenting educational workshops, since 1983. 231 Church St., Burlington 860-2550. [ogex.com](http://ogex.com)

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**North Star Sports** 108 Main St., Burlington 863-3232. [northstarsports.com](http://northstarsports.com)  
**Old Lyman's Bike** 303 Main Street, Burlington 860-4223. [oldlymans.com](http://oldlymans.com)  
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# SERVICES

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Once we choose a bank, say, or a hair salon, most of us don't even want to try another one. Apparently that is also true of "places to get body art." If Yerkes tattoo and piercings' broken tattoo screen is any indication. And by the way, this is why the day spas' bank doesn't include highly idiosyncratic categories such as dentists or mechanics. Do you know the names of any besides your own?

To keep things interesting — and to build up our day spa's directory — we added a bunch of new categories this year, including veterans, animal hospital, pet groomer, cancer, real estate, agent and barbers/men's cut. Those winners were, respectively, Green Mountain Animal Hospital, Doggie Styles Grooming, Jessica Design and the Realtor's Association of Vermont. Welcome, people!

We didn't expect that another new entry — best nonprofit — would get anyone knocking at a door. But one voter disapproved, saying all of them do good work. True dat. But animal lovers unleashed their gassan on this one, giving the Humane Society of Chittenden County its very first Daytie award. Woof.



## BEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

### **Humane Society of Chittenden County**

The HSCC serves cats, dogs and other household pets, taking in up to 1,000 animals a year. Any day full-blown events are being held for — and prepared for adoption. (1475 Kindness Court, South Burlington 05403; [chittendensociety.org](http://chittendensociety.org))

#### Other finalists:

- **Canine on Temporary Shelter (COTS)**: 96 North Ave., Burlington 05402; [cotsvt.org](http://cotsvt.org)
- **Humane Facility Center**: 30 Glens Falls Rd., Burlington 05403; [hfcvt.org](http://hfcvt.org)
- **Financial Partnership of Northern New England**: 103 St. Paul St., Burlington 05403; [fpnn.org](http://fpnn.org)
- **Friends of Chittenden County Animal Control**: 103 Glens Falls Rd., Burlington 05403; [fcccvt.org](http://fcccvt.org)

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#### Other finalists:

- **On My Dog**: 101 Lake Street, South Burlington 05403; [onmydogvt.com](http://onmydogvt.com)
- **Play-Big-Pet**: 101 Pine St., Burlington 05403; [playbigpet.com](http://playbigpet.com)
- **Sniffers Dog Daycare**: 1000 Adams Hill St., Suite 252, Williston 05491; [sniffersvt.com](http://sniffersvt.com)
- **The Dog Escape**: 3 Green Mountain Dr., South Burlington 05403; [thedogescapevt.com](http://thedogescapevt.com)

## BEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

### **HUMANE SOCIETY OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY**

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#### Other finalists

**Veterinary Hospital Hospital** 880 South Park Dr., Colchester, VT 05446-9728

**Willard Veterinary Hospital** 2 Colchester Ln., Willard, VT 05495; vt.vetnet.com

**Old French Animal Hospital** 21 North Champlain St., South Burlington, VT 05403; oldfrenchvt.com

**Bitter Roots Animal Hospital** 7 River Drive Rd., Williston, VT 05495; bitterrootsvt.com

## BEST PET GROOMER

### Doggy Styles

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#### Other finalists

**A Paws for Pet Pet** 101 Henningsen Dr., Colchester, VT 05446; apawsforpetvt.com

**Orchard Dog Grooming** 10589 Vermont 108, Hinesburg, VT 05460; orcharddog.com

**Canine Care Pet Grooming & Supply** 1021 North Ave., St. Albans, VT 05478; caninecarevt.com

**Pawfecters** 917 Foothill Ln., Williston, VT 05495; pawfectersvt.com

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**Shoreline Mountain Resort & Spa** 1740 Piemont St., St. Albans, VT 05471; shorelineresort.com

**The Inn at Round Barn** 1880 East Warren Rd., Williston, VT 05495; theinnatroundbarn.com

**Troy Family Lodge** 1000 Bragg Rd., St. Albans, VT 05451; troyfamilylodge.com

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#### Other finalists

**Bistro 70** Restaurant & Lounge 70 Main St., South Burlington, VT 05403; bistro70vt.com

**Catering by Diane** 200 Northgate Ln., Williston, VT 05495; cateringbydiane.com

**Flame & Flame** 140 Main St., South Burlington, VT 05403; flameandflamevt.com

**Cakehouse Bistro** 1330 E. Main St., South Burlington, VT 05403; cakehousebistrovt.com

**La Patisserie** 1330 E. Main St., South Burlington, VT 05403; lapatisserievt.com

**Full Circle Parties** 3002 Shireline Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403; fullcirclepartiesvt.com

**Shady Cat Flowers** 100 Intervale Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403; shadycatflowers.com

**Wine & Cheese** 2322 Intervale Rd., St. Albans, VT 05430; wineandcheesevt.com

## BEST FLORIST

### Kathy & Company Florist

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#### Other finalists

**Chapman Florist** 1430 W. Main St., South Burlington, VT 05403; chapman-florist.com

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#### Other finalists

**Century 21 Jack Associates** 101-8100, Colchester, VT 05446

**Keller Williams Vermont** 854-8909; kellerwilliamsvt.com

**Long & Luong Real Estate** 868-7381; longandluong.com

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# VERMONT MEDIA



**We all like to eat — see the Food and Drink section.** And apparently we also like to read about eating. Seven Days senior food writer Alice Levitt edged out staff competition to win best print/online journalist this year.

In addition to her reporting for the paper, Levitt writes the weekly blog *Is Vermont Awesome?* She also compiles the late club e-newsletter *Frequently Asked* as a guest on WCAV's "The 307" and is active in the Terrierverse. But neither she nor anyone else could beat Seven Days' inauspicious multimedia producer Eva Sutcliffe for social media personality.

Seven Days readers are also partial to longtime contributing photographer Matthew Thorsen, whose distinctively arty images have helped define the paper's look since its early days.

In TV land, WCAV anchor Carmen Pezzati is the mom to beat — but no one does. The same can be said for WPTZ's Tom Heasner, who has won best news anchor every year since 2003. Has his sunny personality ever seen a cloudy day?

Vermont Public Radio dashed the competition in the Baynes this year. It won for best radio station and best radio morning show ("Morning Edition"), while WPTZ's Jane Lindholm won best local radio host ("Vermont Edition"). But the perennially popular club DJ Craig Mitchell won best local radio DJ this year for bringing the party to Planet 96.7.

Next to the Baynes is best college radio station, and the hands down winner is WMMR 90.1 at the University of Vermont. With both student and community DJs and extremely eclectic programming, the station has been the "better alternative" since 1965; now that's what we call long-playing.

## BEST PRINT / ONLINE JOURNALIST

### **Alice Levitt, Seven Days**

Seven Days' senior food writer and media personality Alice Levitt has impressed a reading audience with her delicious features and menus, as well as her weekly *Is Vermont Awesome?* column. [AliceLevitt.com](http://7d.vtnews.com)

#### Other finalists:

Jeff Baker: *Burlington Free Press*, [JeffBaker.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Chris Burlington: *Burlington Free Press*, [ChrisBurlington.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Dan Heitner: *Seven Days*, [DanHeitner.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Anne Gudenau: [AnneGudenau.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Paul Heitner: *Seven Days*, [PaulHeitner.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Ben Kvistad: *Seven Days*, [Facebook](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)

## BEST PHOTOJOURNALIST

### **Matthew Thorsen, Seven Days**

Since 1989, Matthew Thorsen has filled the pages of Seven Days with his distinctive, often surreal images. Thorsen's creative portfolio also includes more than 100,000 images from the 1990s at [tinyurl.com/m4n4p9f](http://tinyurl.com/m4n4p9f) [matthewthorsen.com].

#### Other finalists:

Emily Hobson: *Burlington Free Press*, [EmilyHobson.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Stephen House: *Champagne College*, [StephenHouse.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Steve Russell: *Burlington Free Press*, [SteveRussell.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
Jeff Wallace-Wendt: *Seven Days*, [JeffWallace-Wendt.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)

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## BEST LOCAL TV JOURNALIST

### **Durreen Perren, WCAV**

Local stories and 10 o'clock news. Marchie Awards suggest the WCAV anchor and reporter sets just the best local TV journalist in Vermont. But the most Kingdom native never wins among the 10 most-honored journalists perennies (WMMR, Vermont

#### Other finalists:

— Steve Baker: *WMMR*, [WMMR.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Brittnay Hines: *ABC 6*, [ABC6.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Kristin Kelly: *WBZ-TV*, [WBZ-TV.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Jeff Thorsen: *WBZ-TV*, [WBZ-TV.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)

## BEST LOCAL RADIO HOST

### **Jane Lindholm, VPR**

On WPTZ Terrier Crossover, listeners can count on host Jane Lindholm for in-depth conversations of her politics and policies, as well as about local arts, politics or anything from the day. Consider her her nemesis: *Very Kind of You* (*janelindholm.com*).

#### Other finalists:

— Mark Johnson: *WBZ-TV*, [MarkJohnson.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Miles Laugesen: *WBZ-TV*, [MilesLaugesen.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Dan Heitner: *The Point*, [WBZ-TV.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)  
— Mitch Mandel: *WBZ*, [WBZ-TV.com](http://bit.ly/1C9uOJF)

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